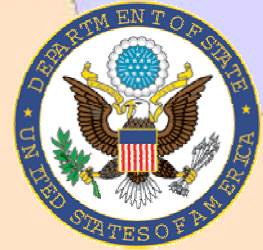


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Highlights

1.0 Neutralize the Insurgents

- Iraq and Coalition forces continue operations to neutralize the insurgents.

2.0 Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005

- All results from polling stations around Iraq have arrived in Baghdad. The Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) is completing the vote count while addressing complaints about the electoral process.

3.0 Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services

- Over 1,714 construction starts have been made to date -- including 1,359 Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) projects and 354 Accelerated Iraq Reconstruction Projects (AIRP); 516 projects have been completed, including 268 IRRF projects.
- The Rapid Construction Initiative (RCI) is accelerating reconstruction using local Iraqi firms, laborers, and suppliers. Thirty-six electrical distribution projects are under construction and 177 are planned in total. There are now 362 km of village roads under construction, providing sustained, stable, long-term employment in rural areas.



Highlights

4.0 Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

- USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) program is working closely with the Iraqi stock exchange (ISX) and private companies to develop capital markets. A functioning capital markets system can greatly ease the flow of investment from Iraqi and foreign sources.

5.0 Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law

- The Local Governance Program's Policy Research Team (PRT) worked to finalize the preparation of a concise handbook on Local Government Associations (LGA) for local councils and civil society organizations.

6.0 Maintain International Engagement and Support

- International reaction to Iraq's election was extremely positive and the UN and EU have pledged continued support for Iraq's electoral process.



[1.0] Neutralize the Insurgents – Iraqi Security Forces Update

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	57,287
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	21,589
TOTAL	78,876*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	56,587
AIR FORCE	186
NAVY	525
TOTAL	57,298**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

136,174

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absences personnel are not included in these numbers



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

Election Outcomes:

- All results from polling stations around Iraq have arrived in Baghdad. The Independent Electoral Commission for Iraq (IECI) is completing the vote count while addressing complaints about the electoral process.

Elections Monitoring:

- In its report on the Iraqi elections, the Iraqi Election Information Network (EIN) – comprising 10,000 Iraqi monitors – declared that “the elections were conducted without systemic flaws and in accordance with basic international standards.”
- EIN noted several voting problems across the country; it estimated that roughly 15,000 voters in Ninewa Province were unable to vote.
- Elections irregularities are being handled by the IECI through the dispute resolution mechanism as laid out in IECI Regulation 15.



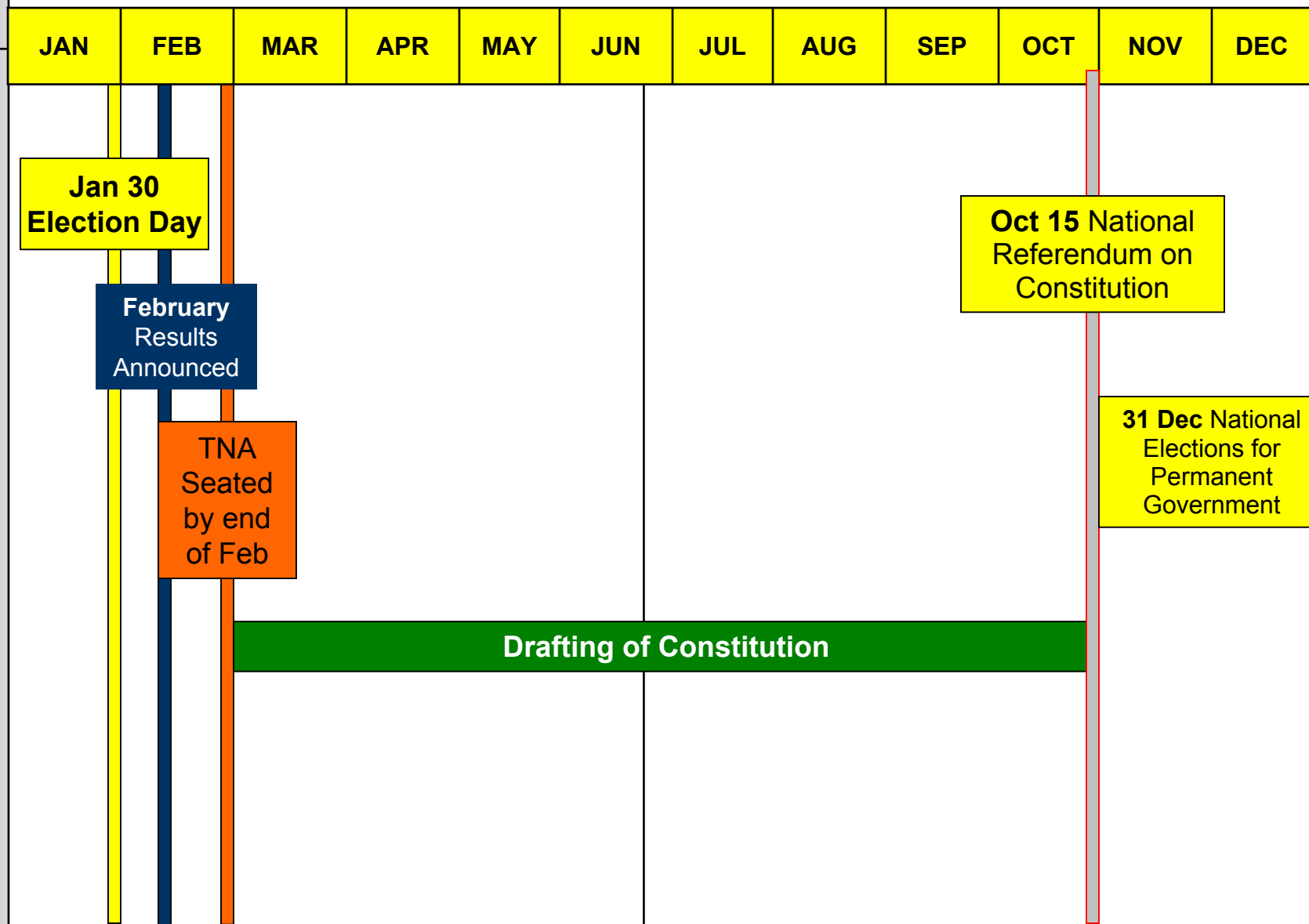
[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Developments**

Transitional National Assembly (TNA):

- Once announced, the TNA will:
 - Serve as Iraq's national legislature until the election of a new government under a permanent constitution.
 - Name a Presidency Council, consisting of a president and two deputy presidents, that will appoint a prime minister. The Prime Minister and his Council of Ministers must receive a vote of confidence in the Assembly by a simple majority.
 - According to the Transitional Administrative Law, the TNA will draft Iraq's new Constitution by August 15, 2005; this will be presented to the Iraqi people for their approval in a national referendum by October 15, 2005.
 - If it is approved, an election for a permanent Iraqi government under that new Constitution will occur by the end of the year.



[2.0] Ensure the Continuation of Support for Iraq's Electoral Process through 2005 – **Electoral Process Timeline**

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[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Economy**

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending January 28 closed with Kirkuk Crude at \$38.13/barrel, Basra Light at \$36.76/barrel, and the OPEC basket at \$42.63/barrel.

Employment Update:

- Number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects in each sector

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	19,494	17,521	-10.1%
USAID	48,181	53,613	11.3%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	6,850	5,497	-19.8%
MILCON (Military Construction)	437	534	22.2%
*CERP (Commanders' Emergency Response Program)	33,671	33,671	0.0%
MNSTC-I	3,799	4,035	6.2%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	13,450	13,379	-0.5%
GRAND TOTAL	125,882	128,250	1.9%

*CERP numbers are from the latest GRD Sitrep

Data as of February 3, 2005



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Job Creation and Telecommunications**

Rapid Construction Initiative:

- The Rapid Construction Initiative (RCI) is accelerating reconstruction using local Iraqi firms, laborers, and suppliers. Thirty-six electrical distribution projects are under construction and 177 are planned in total. There are now 362 km of village roads under construction, providing sustained, stable, long-term employment in rural areas.

Telecommunications :

- Installation of the Advanced First Responders Network infrastructure in Baghdad continues, and Base Transceiver Stations (BTS) in the Baghdad area were operational before the January 30 election. The remaining BTS sites in Baghdad are expected to be operational by February 21, and another 15 cities are due to be operational by June 30.
- Wireless Broadband Network (WBBN) is a project that will provide high capacity data and voice communications to government sites in Baghdad. Initial ministries are due to be connected by February 14, and the network is expected to be operational for all locations by end of March.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Health Care and Transportation**

Health Care Center Renovation:

- Local Governance Program (LGP) specialists visited a health center in Diwaniyah to supervise its renovation as part of a \$65,000 LGP grant through a Polish civil-military cooperation group. The renovated center and new wing will serve 3,000 citizens in the area. Restoration is approximately 50 percent complete.

Transportation:

- Work to refurbish the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Center and Tower at Baghdad International Airport (BIAP) should be fully complete in February 2005. Like much of Iraq's essential infrastructure, the airport's ATC Center had deteriorated due to a lack of preventative maintenance over several decades. The ATC Center's communications system – which provided a link between BIAP and other airports and aircraft in the vicinity – was destroyed during the conflict. The communications link was rehabilitated and is now fully operative.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Education

Building Capacity in the Ministry of Education:

- Twenty-four supplies directors from Iraq's Ministry of Education (MOE) participated in a 10-day study tour in Cairo to learn how to deal with issues related to textbook production and distribution. The tour was part of the UNESCO Textbook Program for Iraq's primary and secondary schools that was funded by a \$10 million grant from USAID.

Iraq Millennium Development Goals Update:

- With funding from USAID, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is implementing a comprehensive package of activities designed to help Iraq meet Millennium Development Goals in public health, sanitation and education. As part of its efforts to support the MOE in education reforms, UNICEF updated findings from a national school survey last year; an analytical report on this survey (Volume II) was recently completed and submitted to the MOE for final approval.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – **Water and Sanitation**

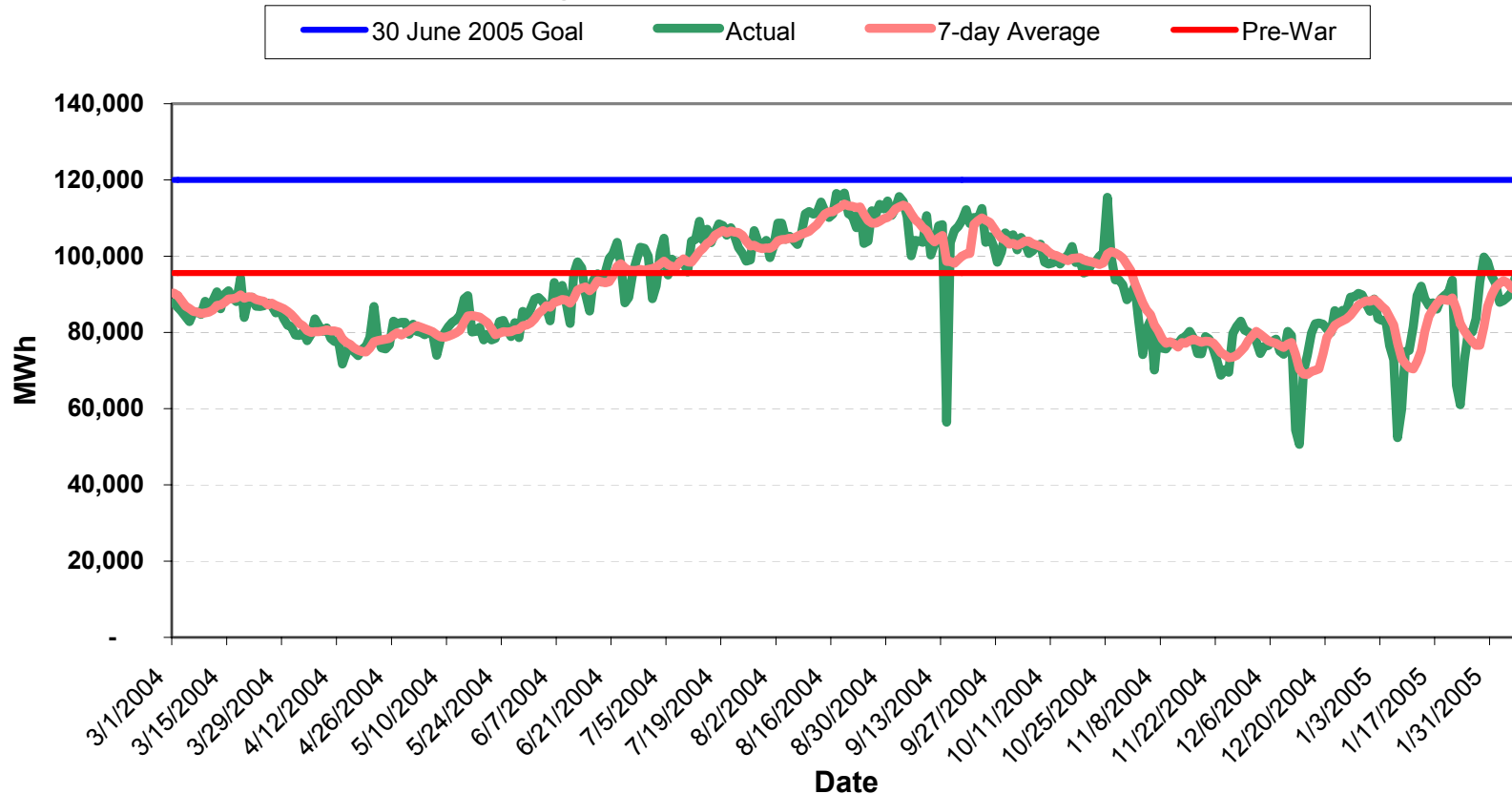
Water and Sanitation:

- Work is 60 percent complete on a project to extensively repair the sewage collection system of a central district of Baghdad. The project will restore critical elements of the sewage collection system and restore sewage flow from the district to wastewater treatment facilities. Work is scheduled to be completed in June and will improve service for about 1.5 million residents.
- Work is 66 percent complete to rehabilitate the water and sewage treatment plant facilities serving rural, north-central Diyala Governorate. USAID's project will generate enough potable water to serve the region's 60,000 residents. This project is scheduled to be complete in May.



[3.0] Create Jobs and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Megawatt-Hour (MWh) Load Served



- Electricity load served in the last week (31 January - 6 February) hovered slightly below estimated pre-war levels at 94,000 MWh. Hours of available power averaged 11 hours in Baghdad.
- Peak demand remains at record levels (>8,000 MW).
- Unplanned and planned outages continue to lower output. At the end of the week, there were 816 MW and 839 MW, respectively.



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy

Capital Markets Development:

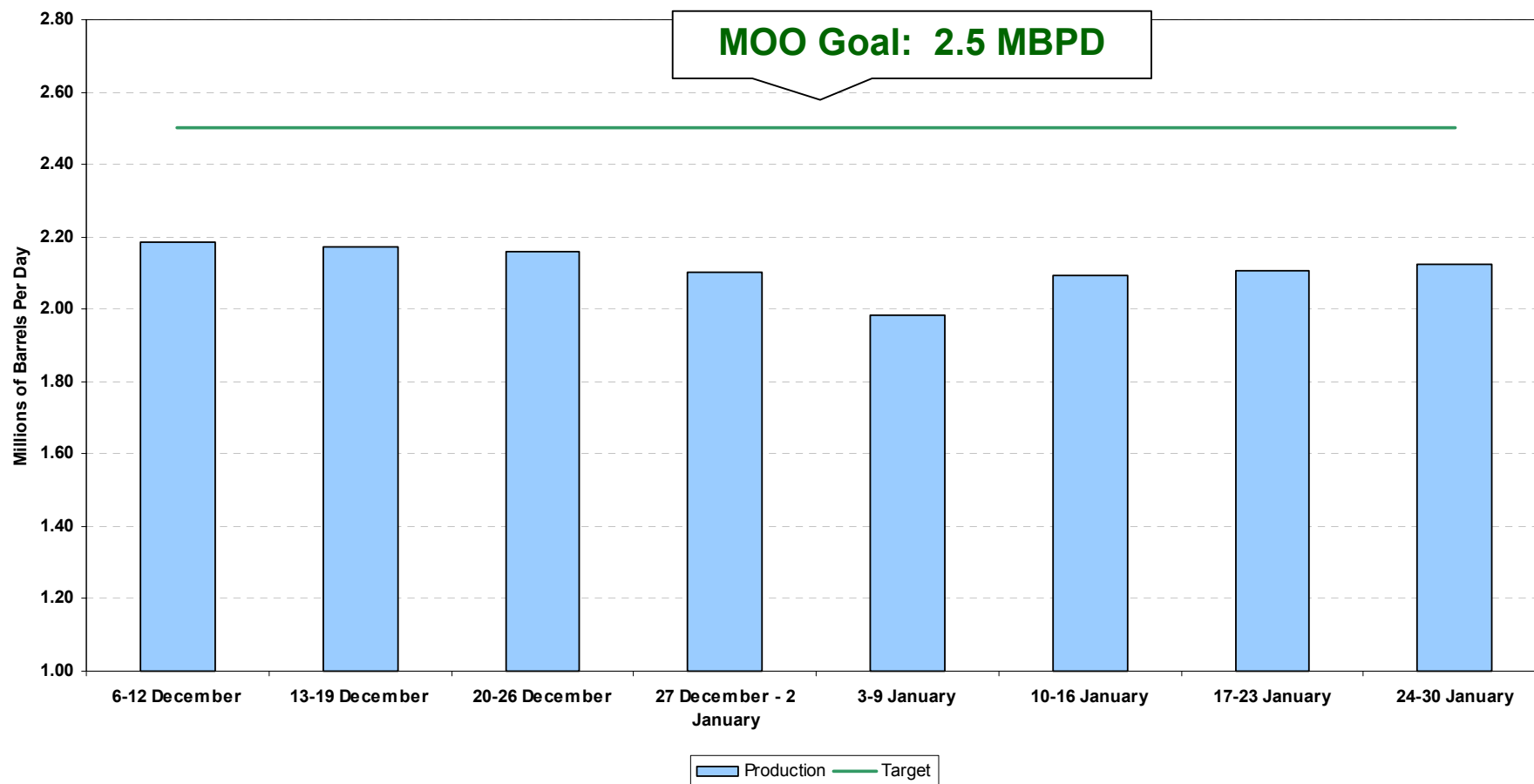
- USAID's Private Sector Development II (PSD II) program is working closely with the Iraqi stock exchange (ISX) and private companies to develop capital markets. PSD II capital markets development activities provide technical assistance to the ISX to deepen financial markets through training programs, financial instruments, IT systems, improved procedures, information dissemination, regulation and oversight. A functioning capital markets system can greatly ease the flow of investment from Iraqi and foreign sources. Capital markets development efforts are in the inception phase, with a current focus on assessment and stabilization.

Local Governance Program:

- Local Governance Program (LGP) staff in northern Iraq recently completed data collection for a strategic planning questionnaire at the Ministry of Municipalities in preparation for an institutional audit that will be held in February. The questionnaire, unlike traditional institutional audit questionnaires, focused on how individual managers perceived the Ministry and its functions. The same procedures will be used throughout the strategic planning process which is scheduled to commence on February 15.
 - The audit is an example of how LGP is working throughout Iraq to streamline local fiscal and administrative practices.



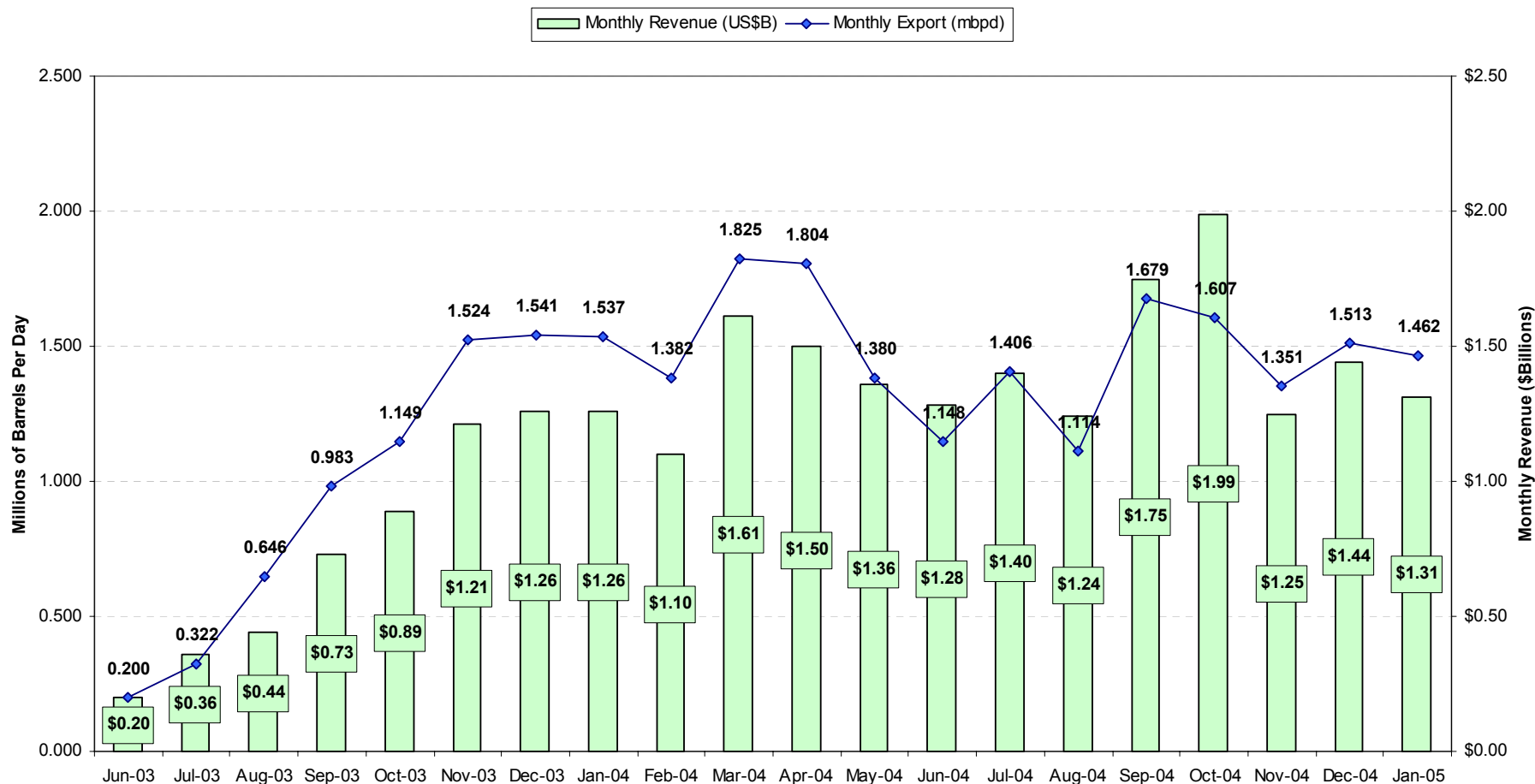
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (24 - 30 Jan) of 2.12 MBPD
- Pre-War Peak: 2.5 MBPD in Mar 03
- Post-War Peak: 2.67 MBPD



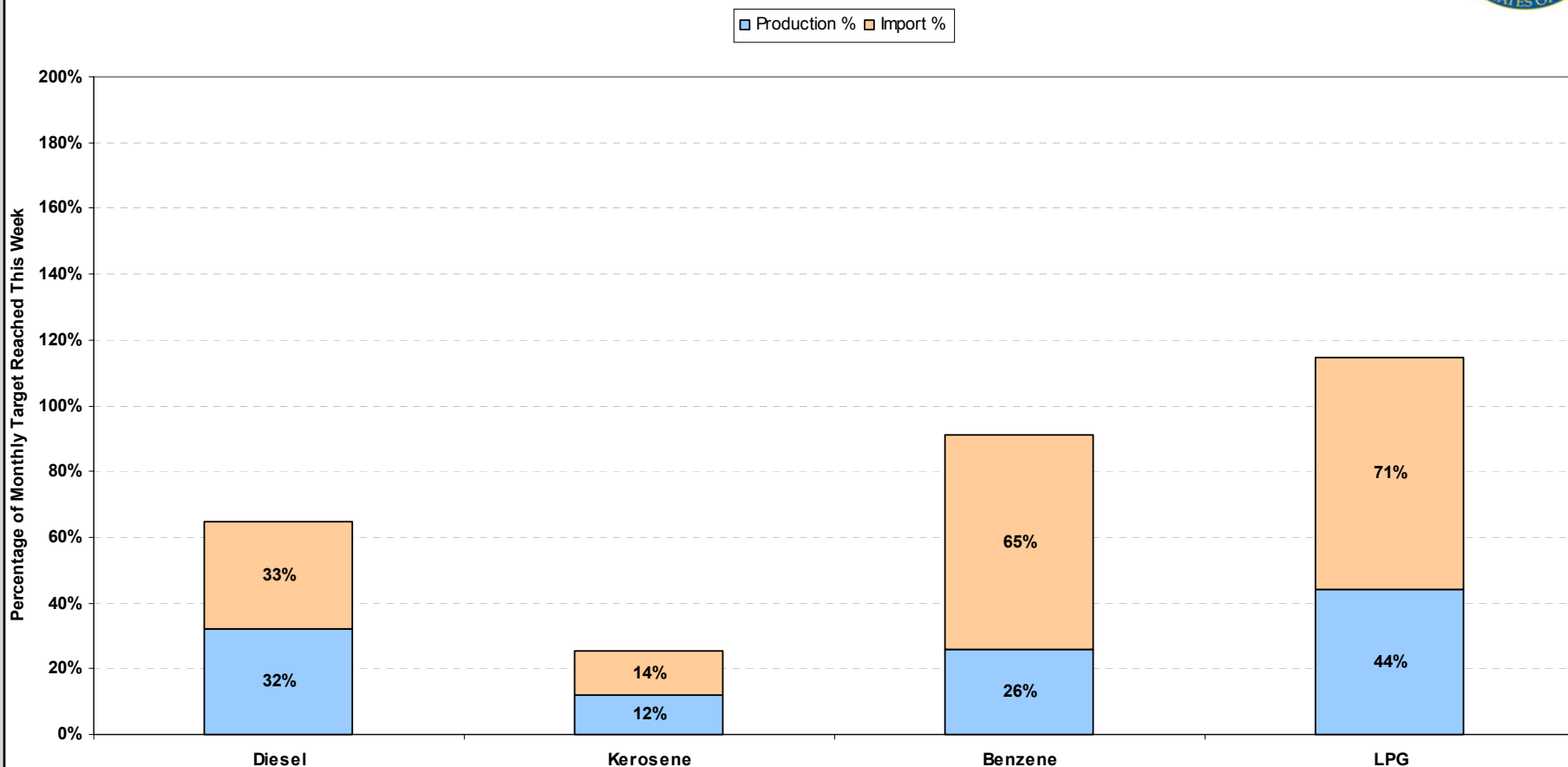
[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2003 Revenue: \$5,076.6M
- 2004 Revenue: \$17,012.3M
- 2005 Revenue: \$1,312.1M



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – Refined Products



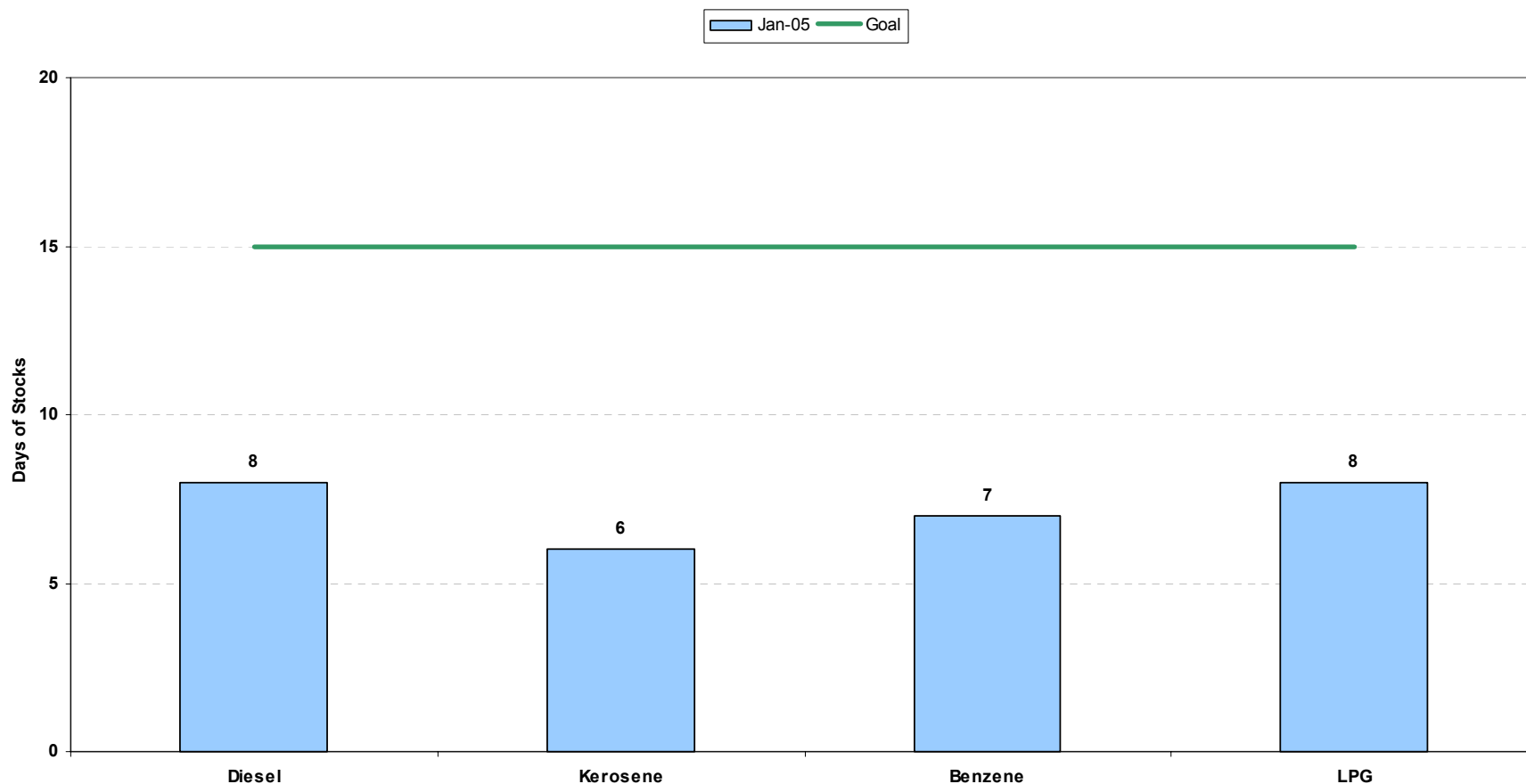
Note: This chart represents the average percentage of daily target reached for the week of January 24 - 30

- Diesel: 11.3 ML of 17.5 ML
- Kerosene: 5.0 ML of 19.5 ML

- Benzene: 16.4 ML of 18 ML
- LPG: 4,934 tons of 4,300 tons



[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is for all refined products to be over 15 days worth of stocks at maximum consumption rates and does not represent seasonal change. The numbers given above are monthly averages.

[4.0] Establish Foundations for a Strong Economy – IRRF I & II

Financials



Financial Status-IRRF I & II			Committed		Obligated		Disbursed	
Sector	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current	Last Week	Current
Security and Law Enforcement	5045	5045	4493	4502	3414	3442	1403	1458
Electricity Sector	4369	4077	3328	3485	2688	2699	715	732
Oil Infrastructure	1701	1701	1434	1439	942	935	137	139
Justice, Public Safety, and Civil Society	1120	1120	946	946	672	672	145	154
-Democracy	832	832	751	751	660	661	207	208
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	379	379	227	248	205	220	48	61
Roads, Bridges, and Construction	359	355	283	283	184	184	37	37
Health Care	786	786	750	735	511	497	34	36
Transportation and Communications	513	513	462	462	323	323	33	34
Water Resources and Sanitation	2279	1770	1304	1307	891	898	47	54
Private Sector Development	843	835	402	402	357	357	74	74
Admin Expense (USAID, State)	213	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
IRRF II SUBTOTAL	18439	17442	14409	14589	10876	10917	2909	3016
IRRF II CONSTRUCTION	11306	10378	8626	8762	8645	6513	1486	1522
IRRF II NON-CONSTRUCTION	6301	6232	5032	5076	1571	3743	1216	1286
IRRF II DEMOCRACY	832	832	751	751	660	661	207	208
IRRF I SUBTOTAL	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	2475	1907	2017
GRAND TOTAL IRRF I & II	20914	19917	16884	17064	13351	13392	4816	5033

[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Refugees, Democracy and Human Rights



Local Governance Programs:

- The Local Governance Program's Policy Research Team (PRT) worked to finalize the preparation of a concise handbook on Local Government Associations (LGA) for local councils and civil society organizations. The LGA handbook will be widely distributed beginning in February as part of the LGA Toolkit. The handbook will help garner support among local councils and civil society organizations for the establishment of a national LGA with governorate branches or the establishment of governorate branches leading to the formation of a national LGA.
- A local 400-member NGO in southern Iraq organized a series of seminars for women in an effort to increase women's participation in political, economic and cultural activities. The seminars covered topics on economic development, the local role of women, education of women and children, and women's rights within new democratic systems. A \$5,000 grant from the Iraq Transition Initiative (ITI) covered the cost of facilities, materials and other logistical needs. This project was also developed with the support of LGP.



[5.0] Establish Good Governance, Rule of Law – Rule of Law

Rule of Law:

- On January 18, the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) convened a Rule of Law Coordination meeting in Amman. The meeting brought together international donors to:
 - Share information on Rule of Law-related activities;
 - Raise the need for a comprehensive, well-coordinated approach to Rule of Law assistance in Iraq; and
 - Elicit expressions of interest for those needs that are not being funded.
- Participants included representatives from Australia, Canada, Denmark, the EU, Japan, Norway, UNAMI, UNDP, the United Kingdom, the United States and the World Bank.
- The meeting produced a document mapping current and proposed initiatives in the ROL sector and a clear process for further coordination between donors (bilateral and multilateral).



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Developments**

- On January 27, the Czech Republic approved extension of their 100 MPs until December 2005, when they will roll over in place to a NATO role when the NATO training mission is ready to receive them.
- Ukraine will gradually withdraw its 1,600-strong military force from Iraq and replace it with instructors and a civilian presence, according to Foreign Minister Borys Tarasyuk.
- Portugal will begin withdrawing its military police contingent of 120 soldiers from Iraq this week.



[6.0] Maintain Int'l Engagement & Support – **Stability Contributors**

27 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Latvia	Poland
Armenia	Estonia	Lithuania	Portugal
Australia	Georgia	Macedonia	Romania
Azerbaijan	Italy	Moldova	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Rep	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	UK
Denmark	Korea	Norway	

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq

TOTAL ~ 25,000 Forces

28 Countries and NATO
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

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